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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was considerably warmer than normal for this time of year, with several very warm days. A few nights were rather cool, but no freezing temperatures occurred. There was practically full sunshine, humidity was low, and several days were rather windy; an excellent week for drying out the corn and curing late alfalfa.

CROPS Corn dried rapidly due to the dry, windy, sunny weather of the past week.

This situation was ideal since corn carries a high percent of moisture. In some early planted fields, corn is approaching the moisture limit for husking. Several commented that more artificial drying of corn will be done this year.

Some of the late corn north of the Platte River was damaged by the early October frost. There has been very little damage from frost south of the Platte River, and practically none in the two southern tiers of counties to date. Some reports indicate more shrinkage than usual due to the high moisture content, but in general Nebraska has an excellent crop of corn. Most of the reports indicate that with continued favorable weather, corn should be ready to husk about Nov. 1.

About 96% of the winter wheat was seeded by the close of last week. The crop is making remarkable progress. More moisture would be beneficial to wheat in southwestern Nebraska. Orange leaf rust is reported in some southwestern counties. The present outlook is for excellent wheat pasture.

The bulk of the grain sorghum crop has matured, and the weather was highly favorable for drying. Some of the later planting needs another week before frost. Yields will be excellent. Soybean harvest is well started and yields are excellent.

The late commercial potato crop in western Nebraska is nearing completion, except in Scotts Bluff county, where some shortage of labor is reported. Harvest of sugar beets is making good progress. Dry edible bean harvest has been completed, but the movement to market has been slowed down because more time is required for picking to bring beans up to grade, since there was considerable damage from discoloration due to rains at harvest time. Pasture and range are very good.

Considerable of the final cutting of alfalfa was done last week under highly favorable weather conditions. Harvest of alfalfa seed continues, with generally low yields. The crop is estimated at 50,000 bushels of clean seed, against 97,000 bushels last year. Both acreage and average yield are lower.

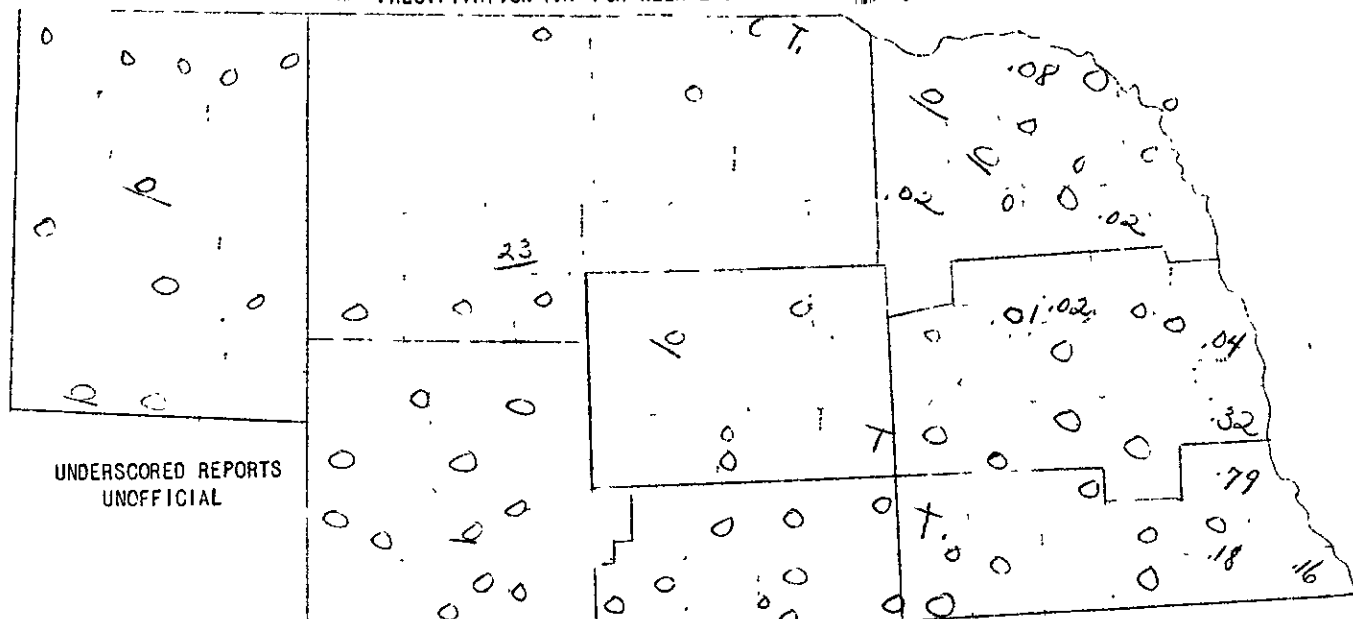
LIVESTOCK A few more cattle are going into the feed lots despite the high price.

Some steer calves have been selling up to \$36 per hundred. In some localities regular feeders are feeding less, while more of the "Ins and outers" are feeding this fall. There is an abundance of feed for forage and some unused pasture available. Fall winter pasture should be excellent.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 1950

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Hayes Center	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1950



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		OCTOBER		11TH		12TH		13TH		14TH		15TH		16TH	
		10TH		MAX MIN		MAX MIN		MAX MIN		MAX MIN		MAX MIN		MAX MIN	
NW	CHADRON	77	50	78	39	—	39	86	41	82	39	82	62	86	44
	SCOTTSBLUFF	77	35	79	46	77	40	86	44	85	42	85	53	85	48
	SIDNEY	82	34	73	50	75	41	85	44	82	39	82	50	83	46
N-C	VALENTINE	80	40	72	53	72	43	82	46	86	46	78	56	84	50
NE	NORFOLK	71	48	69	47	74	40	81	47	86	52	77	48	80	56
	SIOUX CITY	70	46	70	41	73	36	79	46	83	51	79	47	82	61
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	72	50	71	48	78	43	82	48	86	55	80	53	85	59
E-C	LINCOLN	70	48	72	52	77	45	79	56	82	53	79	53	84	67
	OMAHA	62	42	70	47	76	43	79	51	83	52	79	51	80	66
SW	HAYES CENTER	80	43	72	50	78	46	86	48	89	52	81	50	88	53
	NORTH PLATTE	—	—	73	45	77	44	86	42	87	51	80	57	87	52

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